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Top DEP Stories

Daily American: DEP wants your comments on its plan to remove waste in Elk Lick Township
<https://www.dailyamerican.com/story/news/local/2025/01/27/dep-needs-public-comments-on-elk-lick-twp-hazardous-material-sites-somerset-county/77956397007/>

Mentions

PA Environment Digest: DEP Chesapeake Bay Healthy Waters Newsletter Highlights Nearly 16,700 BMPs In 2024; Grant Opportunities; County Clean Water Projects
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East Palestine Train Derailment

6ABC: East Palestine reaches settlement with Norfolk Southern over 2023 derailment
<https://6abc.com/videoClip/norfolk-southern-east-palestine-ohio-train-derailment-settlement>

Associated Press: Norfolk Southern and East Palestine announce \$22 million settlement after 2023 derailment
<https://apnews.com/article/ohio-train-derailment-norfolk-east-palestine-settlement-ce5af7aad2725a721ac4bc1d51667077>

Avian Influenza

Pennlive: Avian flu case reported at Pa. farm, ag department says
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CBS21: Dead geese found at Gettysburg College pond test positive for bird flu
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<https://www.abc27.com/local-news/bird-flu-found-in-dead-geese-at-gettysburg-college-pond/>

Gettysburg Times: Bird flu confirmed in Gettysburg, Mount Joy

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WGAL: First case of avian flu confirmed in Pennsylvania poultry in 2025

<https://www.wgal.com/article/pennsylvania-first-case-of-avian-flu-in-poultry-in-2025/63578200>

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<https://www.inquirer.com/health/bird-flu-found-chickens-pennsylvania-20250127.html>

Daily Local: Pennsylvania sees first 2025 case of bird flu in domestic poultry at Lehigh County farm

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2025/01/27/lehigh-county-sees-states-first-2025-case-of-bird-flu-in-domestic-poultry/>

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The Mercury: Spring Mountain Ski Area hosts nation's largest snowshoe 5K with over 300 finishers

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<https://www.readingeagle.com/2025/01/27/ugi-asking-to-hike-natural-gas-rates-in-pennsylvania/>

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